

Care Leavers Bursary 2014-15

Overview

The bursary is intended to assist students under the age of 25 who are leaving care to attend university or who have been living independently since leaving care.

For students entering the University in 2014-15 the amount payable is £1,500 per year, which will be paid by BACS. Following assessment of eligibility in your first year, if eligible you will automatically qualify for the bursary in each subsequent year that you are in attendance on your course until you either graduate or leave your course.

Eligibility Criteria

You may be entitled to the Care Leavers Bursary, provided that you meet four essential criteria:

1. You must provide evidence that you have left care prior to coming to university; and
2. You must remain registered on your course up to the payment of each instalment of the bursary in each academic year of your course; and
3. You provide a copy of your student finance breakdown from Student Finance England for your first year of study in 2014-15; and
4. You provide us with details of your bank account so that we can pay the bursary directly to you via BACS.

Application Process

There is no formal application process for this bursary.

Money Support will use the data included on your UCAS application form. If you have indicated that you have been in, or are leaving, Local Authority care, Money Support will contact you to advise of possible eligibility for the bursary.

If you did not tick the relevant box on the UCAS application form then you should contact Money Support, including the information detailed above, and they will ensure you are considered for the bursary.

Payment

Payment will be made via BACS transfer following receipt of the required documentary evidence showing eligibility for the bursary.

Payments will be made in two instalments of £750 directly in to your nominated bank account. Payment is made in late November and late March, on the basis that you remain enrolled on your course. It is your responsibility to advise us of any change to your bank details at least a fortnight ahead of any award payment date.

General

If you are in receipt of a Care Leavers Bursary you may be eligible to receive any other scholarships, bursaries or discounts offered by the University.

The University retains the right to vary these terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

If you have any queries please contact the Money Support team by telephone 0113 812 6701 or via email at moneysupport@leedsbeckett.ac.uk